

**Amendment to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1 (currently amended): A cosmetic composition comprising:

- (i) from about 0.0001 to about 30% by weight of a salt of malonic acid, the salt having a cationic counter ion to malonate which is a cation of an amine selected from the group consisting of ammonia, dimethylethanolamine, tris(hydroxymethyl)amino methane and combinations thereof;
- (ii) from about 0.05 to about 40% by weight of an organic sunscreen agent having a chromophoric group active within the ultraviolet radiation range of 280 to 400 nm; and
- (iii) from about 1 to about 99.9% by weight of a cosmetically acceptable carrier.

Claim 2 (original): The composition according to claim 1 wherein the malonic acid is present as a half neutralized and a fully neutralized acid in a molar ratio ranging from about 1000:1 to about 1:1000, respectively.

Claim 3 (original): The composition according to claim 3 wherein the molar ratio is about 2:1 to about 1:200.

Claims 4-5 (canceled)

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Claim 6 (original): The composition according to claim 1 wherein the sunscreen agent is 4,4'-t-butyl-methoxydibenzoylmethane.